

REMARKS

Non-elected claims 9-20 have been canceled.

New claims 21-29 are newly added. Support may be found on page 1, line 3, page 4, line 7, page 7, line 11, Tables 1 and 2, page 8, line 20, and in claims 1-8 as originally filed. No new matter has been added. All newly added claims read on the elected Group I.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 (b) as being anticipated by Albrecht (U.S. Patent No. 5,928,782). Applicants disagree.

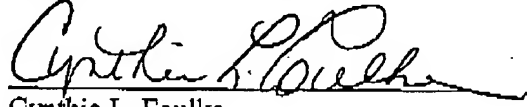
Albrecht disclose hot melt adhesive compositions useful in packaging applications. The compositions of Albrecht comprise a blend of ethylene copolymers, more specifically, a blend of from about 10 to about 30 % by weight of ethylene methyl acrylate and from about 10 to about 20 % by weight of ethylene n-butyl acrylate. Among the *conventional* tackifiers disclosed for use are modified terpenes. Among the *conventional* packaging materials listed are paper and various types of treated or coated substrates, e.g., varnish coated substrates. There is no disclosure or suggestion that adhesives comprising ethylene n-butyl acrylate and modified terpenes are particularly useful when substrates are resistant to adhesion or have been treated in a way that renders them resistant to adhesion. Albrecht does not teach a process for bonding difficult to bond substrates together as claimed by applicants and, as such, fails to anticipate the claimed invention.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103 as being unpatentable over Albrecht (U.S. Patent No. 5,928,782) in view of Gaboury et al (WO 99/01505). Applicants disagree.

Gaboury fails to cure the defect of Albrecht. Gaboury lacks any disclosure which would motivate one skilled in the art to use ethylene n-butyl acrylate based adhesives that comprise modified terpene as a tackifier on difficult to bond substrates such as fluorochemical treated substrates.

Applicants submit that the invention represents a patentable contribution to the art. Reconsideration and the allowance of claims 1-8 and 21-29 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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